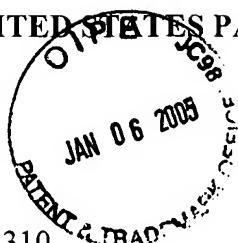


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Yasunaga ISEDA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3085
 Application No.: 10/761,310 : Group Art Unit: 2811
 Filed: January 22, 2004 : Examiner: Tu Tu V. Ho
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 For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DESIGNING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 9, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-5 and 9-17) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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